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Response to Amendment

1. Upon closer inspection, the reply filed on April 30, 2004 is NOT fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the claims are not in strict compliance with the revised amendment practice in accordance with 37CFR 1.121 for amendments filed on or after July 30, 2003 as required.

For example, the strikethrough used to show deletion of the following words/numbers of five characters or fewer cannot be easily perceived as presented, and therefore the proposed deletions must instead be shown by using double brackets instead of strikethrough:

- (a) "a" at the end of line 11 of claim 1;
- (b) "a" in line 4 of claim 6;
- (c) "a" in line 4 of claim 13.


See 37 CFR 1.121. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (571) 272-4909. While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Mancene, can be reached at (571) 272-4930.

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